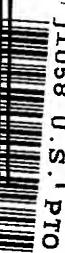


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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

High Availability Communication System

and invented by:

Damon Ennis, Mark Dowdy, Keith Rasmussen and Christopher Cates

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2. Specification having 101 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
 - h. Detailed Description
 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)
 - a. Formal Number of Sheets 12
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 - c. With Power of Attorney Without Power of Attorney
 - d. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)
 - a. Paper Copy
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Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & document(s)*)
9. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
10. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
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17. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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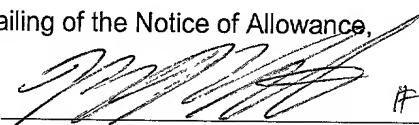
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: High Availability Communication System
Inventor: Damon Ennis, Mark Dowdy, Keith Rasmussen and
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Sir/Madam:

The following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application are enclosed.

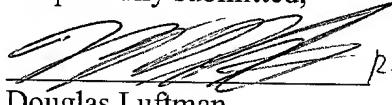
1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal.
2. Application - 101 pages, including title page, 7 independent claims and 63 claims total.
3. Drawings - 12 sheets (19 figures) of formal drawings.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet (in duplicate) and Assignment to CIENA Corporation.
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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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